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Public Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
Bentley, Nr. Doncaster.  
May, 1960.

**To the Chairman and Members of the Council**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report on the work of the department for the year 1959.

In order to keep pace with the work produced by new legislation much routine work has been left undone.

There has been a steady flow of applications under the House Purchase and Housing Act 1959, for the Standard Grant, most of which have been granted, but there was only one application for a discretionary grant which was refused, as the work scheduled did not come within the "twelve point standard."

Itinerant van dwellers have again been a nuisance, and legal action under the byelaws has been successful in most cases. Continuous action by the Police and ourselves has prevented the formation of permanent camps.

My thanks are due to the staff for their help; to Dr. Ferguson for his unfailing and willing co-operation; and to the members of the Council for their continued support.

As this report will be my last one I should like to record that my interest and pleasure have been in my work. There have been five major floods with all the work and worry connected with them and the subsequent cleaning and repairing of domestic properties.

In addition, there were about ten years of war work, the billeting of war-time refugees and trainee miners, all providing work of an urgent and extraordinary character which has kept me very busy and caused the time to pass very quickly.

Yours faithfully,  
J. T. BRIGGS,  
Chief Public Health Inspector.



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Sanitary Science Certificate

Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate

Smoke Inspector's Certificate

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Smoke Inspector's Certificate

### Clerk:

J. WRIGHT (Mrs.)

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

### GENERAL:

Area of District—4,961 acres

Population—22,100

	Visits	Re-visits
No. of visits made ... ..	5973	318
„ complaints received ... ..	397	
„ complaints confirmed ... ..	349	
„ verbal notices ... ..	298	
„ informal notices ... ..	83	
„ statutory notices ... ..	19	
„ letters and notices from 1958	35	
„ letters and notices outstanding		
31st December, 1959 ...	38	
„ matters referred to Surveyor	121	

### Summary of Visits

Slaughterhouses ... ..	418	
Meat and Food Inspections ... ..	466	
Accumulations ... ..	10	
Ashplaces and Dustbins ... ..	520	
Atmospheric Pollution ... ..	46	
Bakehouses ... ..	12	
Canteens and Kitchens ... ..	52	
Closets—Privies ... ..	2	2
Closets—Water ... ..	34	4
Clubs and Licensed Premises ... ..	22	
Dairies and Retailers ... ..	137	
Drains and Sewers ... ..	129	25
Factories ... ..	21	20
Fish Friers ... ..	13	
Flooding ... ..	1	

	Visits	Re-visits
Food Stores and Vans ... ..	111	
Food Preparing Places ... ..	7	
Houses re — Scarlet Fever ... ..	8	
Dysentery ... ..	5	
Council—Vacated ... ..	71	
Council—		
Sub-Tenants	85	
Exchanges ... ..	81	
Prospective Council		
Tenants	139	
Dirty Conditions ... ..	10	
Vermin—Bugs ... ..	4	
Vermin—Other Types	83	
Housing Acts ... ..	81	211
House Purchase—Standard Grant ... ..	50	
Ice Cream Factory ... ..	5	
Ice Cream Retailers ... ..	67	
Ice Lolly Makers ... ..	5	
Interviews ... ..	102	
Knackers Yards ... ..	71	
Moveable Dwellings ... ..	770	
Moveable Dwelling Sites ... ..	491	
Nuisances Noted ... ..	21	2
Offensive Trades ... ..	72	
Petroleum ... ..	77	
Pet Shops ... ..	5	
Piggeries ... ..	7	1
Rats and Mice ... ..	440	
Rent Act ... ..	106	2
Sampling—		
Food and Drugs Act ... ..	42	
Ice Cream—Bacterial Test ... ..	215	
Milk—Bacterial Test ... ..	113	
Water—Bacterial Test ... ..	30	
Water—Chemical Test ... ..	8	
Sanitary Inspections ... ..	27	30
Shops Act ... ..	11	
Sewage Works ... ..	2	
Smoke Observations ... ..	30	
Special Visits ... ..	555	13
Streams, Water Courses and Ponds ... ..	4	
Tips ... ..	29	
Water Supplies ... ..	44	
Yards ... ..	6	8

## IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

### Houses—Internal

Bath waste pipes repaired ... ..	4
Cupboards repaired ... ..	1
Doors and frames repaired or renewed	12
Door fasteners renewed ... ..	15
Draining boards renewed ... ..	1



Handrails to stairs	...	...	...	1
<b>Fireplaces—</b>				
Cooking ranges repaired or renewed				12
Open fireplaces repaired or renewed	...	...	...	9
Hearths renewed	...	...	...	17
Smoke Nuisances abated	...	...	...	1
Firebacks Repaired	...	...	...	1
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	16
Gas pipes repaired	...	...	...	1
Plasterwork of walls renewed	...	...	...	14
Plasterwork of ceilings renewed	...	...	...	15
Sinks renewed	...	...	...	9
Sink waste pipes renewed	...	...	...	17
Skirting boards renewed	...	...	...	4
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	2
<b>Water supply systems—</b>				
Back boilers renewed	...	...	...	2
Hot water cylinders renewed	...	...	...	2
Pipes renewed	...	...	...	6
Taps renewed	...	...	...	10
Supply systems flushed	...	...	...	4
Wash basins renewed	...	...	...	2
<b>Houses—External:</b>				
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	7
Chimney pots renewed	...	...	...	20
House walls repointed	...	...	...	16
Damp walls treated	...	...	...	20
Doors renewed	...	...	...	6
Dustbins renewed	...	...	...	507
Eaves spouts repaired or renewed	...	...	...	24
Rain water fall pipes renewed	...	...	...	29
Lead flashings and aprons renewed	...	...	...	5
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	16
Bay window roofs repaired	...	...	...	3
<b>Windows—</b>				
Frames repaired or renewed	...	...	...	14
Sashes renewed	...	...	...	16
Sashcords renewed	...	...	...	72
Fasteners renewed	...	...	...	16
Yard paving renewed	...	...	...	6
Doorsteps renewed	...	...	...	1
<b>Coalplaces:</b>				
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	1
Doors and frames repaired	...	...	...	5
<b>Closets:</b>				
Floors repaired	...	...	...	1
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	7
Doors and frames repaired	...	...	...	2
Basins renewed	...	...	...	6
Seats renewed	...	...	...	9
Flushing cisterns renewed	...	...	...	11
Flush pipes renewed	...	...	...	1
New water closets	...	...	...	1

**Drains—**

Cleansed	...	...	...	107
Repaired or reconstructed	...	...	...	8
New constructions	...	...	...	1
Inspection chambers provided	...	...	...	1
Inspection chambers repaired	...	...	...	3
Inspection chamber covers renewed	...	...	...	3
Ventilation and soil pipes renewed	...	...	...	7
Path pipes renewed	...	...	...	1

**Factories—**

Additional water closets provided	...	...	...	5
Water closet door renewed	...	...	...	1
Sanitary arrangements cleansed	...	...	...	15

**Food Hygiene Regulations—**

Wash basins provided	...	...	...	27
Sinks provided	...	...	...	4
Water heating units provided	...	...	...	23
First aid kits provided	...	...	...	27
Water supplies installed	...	...	...	27

**General—**

Accumulations removed	...	...	...	3
Premises cleared of rats and mice	...	...	...	324

**Work Carried Out on Default of Owners**

It has been necessary for the Council to carry out repair work on three properties at a total cost of £170 13s. 8d.

**Property Repairs**

Repair work on domestic property is moving at a fairly reasonable speed, and this acceleration can be traced, more or less, to the advent of the Rent Act, 1957. The Act is being used by landlords and tenants in a reasonable manner, and whilst it means more work it has occasioned very little serious trouble.

**Rent Act 1957**

No. of applications for certificates	...	...	...	19
No. of decisions to issue certificates				
(a) in respect of all defects	...	...	...	11
(b) in respect of some defects	...	...	...	8
No. of undertakings given by landlords	...	...	...	16
No. of undertakings refused by local authority	...	...	...	Nil
No. of certificates issued	...	...	...	3
No. of applications for revocation of certificates	...	...	...	6

**WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER  
THE RENT ACT 1957****Internal**

Plasterwork repaired	...	...	...	5
Floors repaired	...	...	...	9
Cooking ranges renewed	...	...	...	3
Fireplaces renewed	...	...	...	1



Doors and frames repaired	...	...	15
Skirting boards repaired	...	...	1
Sinks renewed	...	...	2
Copper fireplaces repaired	...	...	1
Staircases repaired	...	...	1
Sashcords and fasteners renewed	...	...	18
Taps renewed	...	...	3

### **External**

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	5
Bay window roofs repaired	...	...	...	1
Eaves spouts repaired	...	...	...	5
Damp walls treated	...	...	...	4
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	3
Chimney pots renewed	...	...	...	8
Window frames repaired	...	...	...	11
Doors repaired	...	...	...	4
Water closet roofs repaired	...	...	...	2
Water closet doors and frames repaired	...	...	...	2
Water closet walls repaired	...	...	...	1
Coalplace roofs repaired	...	...	...	1
Coalplace doors and frames repaired	...	...	...	1
Painting	...	...	...	2
Gates renewed	...	...	...	2

## **PROSECUTIONS**

### **Byelaws with respect to Tents, Vans, Sheds and Similar Structures**

Four persons were prosecuted on six charges of contravening the byelaws. Fines of £2 were imposed in five cases and one case dismissed.

### **Food and Drugs Act**

One person was prosecuted for selling a mouldy fruit pie and the case was dismissed, but a firm brought in as third party was fined £5 with costs.

One firm was prosecuted for selling a loaf of bread containing foreign bodies—a pin and a bicycle pump connection—and was fined £30 with costs.

### **House Purchase and Housing Act 1959**

This Act came into force on the 14th June 1959, and one of its main features was the institution of grants for the improvement of domestic properties. The "Standard Grant" is for the provision of certain amenities which may be lacking in a house, i.e. a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom, a wash basin, a hot water supply, a water closet in or contiguous to the dwelling, and a satisfactory food store. One or all of these amenities may be provided under the scheme to complete the total of five in order to rank for grant.

The "Discretionary Grant" is for more ambitious work, and covers improvements, extensions and conversions of buildings in the provision of living accommodation.

**Standard Grants:**

No. of applications	...	...	...	16
No. approved	...	...	...	13
No. refused	...	...	...	3
No. of completed works	...	...	...	2
Amount paid in grants	.....	£118	9s. 11d.	

**Amenities Provided:**

Fixed baths in bathrooms	...	...	2
Wash basins	...	...	2
Hot water supply systems	...	...	2

**Discretionary Grants:**

No. of applications	...	...	...	1
No. refused	...	...	...	1

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**SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA****Water Supply**

With the exception of six houses on shallow wells and three on boreholes, all were on the public supply. Town's water has been carried to a few houses for drinking purposes.

Eight samples were taken for chemical analysis and all were of good organic purity, some were very hard, and one had a very high iron content.

Thirty samples were taken for bacterial test, twenty-eight were satisfactory, and two were not satisfactory; twenty were from the town supply, nine from boreholes, and one from a churn supply. The two people using the unsatisfactory waters were advised to boil all water before use.

**Closet Accommodation and Cesspools**

All properties but one within reach of the sewers were connected to the sewerage system and at the end of the year there were 8 privies, 19 pail closets and 29 water closets connected to cesspools. There were 26 cesspools.

**Cleansing of Drains**

The arrangements for clearing choked drains were continued to the benefit of property owners and tenants, and such nuisances were cleared rapidly and at very low cost.

**Municipal Dustbin Scheme**

The rate borne scheme for the renewal of dustbins is working very well, and 507 dustbins were supplied during the year.

## Flooding

There was no danger from flooding at any time, rather was the emphasis on drought conditions because of the long, dry, hot summer.

## Verminous Properties.

The following properties were treated for vermin.

Type of Vermin	Council Houses	Private Houses
Ants	55	4
Blackclocks	10	8
Bugs	—	3
Clover Mites	25	—
Crickets	3	—
Earwigs	15	—
Flies	—	2 Schools
Moths	2	—
Silver Fish	4	—
Wasps Nests	1	—
Woodworm	6	1

Vermicides most suitable to the situation and type of insect pest were used with very good results. Electric atomisers were used in many foodshops for the prevention of fly nuisances.

## Rodent Control.

This work has continued on routine lines and all the well known danger spots are visited regularly to prevent heavy infestation.

Seasonal migration requires control measures at the appropriate times and places.

### Details of Rat and Mice Treatment

Complaints received	...	...	...	79
Premises treated	...	...	...	324
Inspections and treatments	...	...	...	1,156
Poison baits laid for rats	...	...	...	6,270
Poison baits laid for mice	...	...	...	228

## Atmospheric Pollution.

The three instruments set up by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research to gauge the extent of atmospheric pollution were in operation throughout the year.

There was a slight diminution in the weight of total solids per square mile, but how much of this difference was due to the long dry summer we do not know. Judging by the monthly figures there would appear to be no relationship between rainfall and weight of deposit as equal rainfalls can show great variations in weights of deposits.

## INVESTIGATION OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION ANALYSIS, 1959

Month	Rain in Inches	Insoluble Deposit Tons per Square Mile	Soluble Deposit Tons per Square Mile	Total Solid Tons per Sq. Mile	Sulphur mg/100 sq. cms./day
January	0.59	9.66	7.82	17.48	2.41
February	0.04	0.48	1.88	2.36	1.37
March	0.81	8.37	5.32	13.69	1.02
April	2.69	6.74	5.56	12.30	1.41
May	0.14	3.51	1.39	4.90	0.99
June	0.64	14.35	3.58	17.93	0.58
July	0.91	10.39	4.03	14.42	0.45
August	0.16	10.57	1.11	11.68	0.58
September	—	15.74	5.70	21.44	0.74
October	1.50	6.25	2.33	8.58	1.22
November	2.79	6.19	4.34	10.53	1.60
December	2.58	5.77	4.34	10.11	1.76
Average per month	1.07	8.17	3.95	12.12	1.18
Average per month 1958	2.25	9.22	5.62	14.84	1.02

### Smoke Observations

Twenty-two observations were made of the South Yorkshire Woodworking Company's chimneys, and on two occasions black smoke was emitted. The problem with these furnaces is the emission of charred wood and grit from the burning of wood chippings and sawdust, and the firm is now planning the installation of a stepped grate furnace to obtain complete combustion of the raw fuel.

The colliery chimneys have proved the value of mechanisation of the furnaces by their smoke-free records.

### Burning Colliery Tip

Small fires occur frequently but they are soon extinguished by bulldozing and compacting, and the nuisance is kept within reasonable bounds. Large parts of the tip have been moved in the search for red ash and the possibility of a nuisance from red dust was ever present, but no complaints were received.

### Moveable Dwellings

There were ten licensed sites containing 38 vans, and all complied with the Council's requirements.

The gravest problem in a so-called way of life is the wandering van dweller with his dirty ways, unclean habits, untidiness and lack of any sense of order or respect for other people's property.

Energetic action by this department and the police has kept them on the move, but even this action has not prevented country lanes and vacant sites becoming rubbish dumps and eyesores.

### Offensive Trades

Bone Boiler and Blood Drier	...	1
Rag Store	... ..	1

The bone boiling plant has been operated in a reasonable manner, and the owner has taken every precaution against creating a nuisance.

The type of work and chemical reaction on the plant cause problems which are not always easy to solve, so constant expert supervision is essential for efficient working.



## LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS

### Petroleum Acts

Thirty-three licences were issued for the storage of petroleum in bulk.

### Pet Animals Act 1951

Two licences were issued for the keeping of pet shops.

### Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act 1951

The premises of one firm are registered for upholstery work.

## MILK AND DAIRIES ACTS AND REGULATIONS

### Dairymen and Dairies

Retailers taken off the register	...	...	Nil
Retailers entered on the register	...	...	1
Retailers on register 31st December, 1959	...	...	10
Premises on register 31st December, 1959	...	...	5

There is one small capacity pasteurising plant in continuous use. All dairies were kept in good condition.

### Milk (Special Designations) Regulations

Dealers licences for the sale of:—

Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	8
Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	5
Sterilised Milk	...	...	...	48

Supplementary Licences for sale of:—

Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	3
Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	3
Sterilised Milk	...	...	...	2

## SUPERVISION OF THE FOOD SUPPLY FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

### Slaughterhouses

There were four slaughterhouses and one knackers yard licensed for use. One slaughterhouse was very busy, one in regular use, one in use intermittently, and the fourth fell into disuse and was eventually used for other purposes.

### Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924-1959

Special notices from slaughterhouses ... 349

The regulations have been properly observed by people slaughtering animals for food for human consumption.

### Slaughter of Animals Acts 1933-1958

Humane slaughtering of all animals is in force throughout the district.

No. of Slaughtermen's licences issued ... 24

### Milk Sampling

Under the West Riding County Council's scheme your Chief Public Health Inspector carries out the sampling of milk in this area for chemical analysis. Forty-two samples were taken, one bottle was broken, but all the others were genuine.

### Registered Food Premises

Manufacturer of Lollipops	...	...	1
Wholesale store for Ice Cream	...	...	1
Retailers of Ice Cream and Lollipops	...		67
Preparation or manufacture of sausages, potted, pickled, pressed or preserved foods			16
Fish Friers	...	...	14

### Food Hygiene Regulations 1955

The enforcement of the regulations has been continued and very few places are left to deal with. Food shops, public houses, clubs, bakehouses and food preparing places have all been attended to and the remaining few should soon be completed.

### Food Preparing Premises

These premises have been visited as often as time has permitted and, generally speaking, conditions have been found to be satisfactory.

### Sampling of Food for Bacterial Test

#### Ice Cream

Grading on Methylene Blue Test (All types)

Grade 1	140	90.3225%	}	98.7095%
Grade 2	13	8.3870%		
Grade 3	2	1.290%	}	1.290%
Grade 4	—	Nil		

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Total	155
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#### Wrapped Choc-Ices

Grade 1	17	80.9523%	}	99.999%
Grade 2	4	19.047%		
Grade 3	—	—	}	Nil
Grade 4	—	—		

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Total	21
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#### Lollipops

No Coliform Bacteria	60	100%
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Total	60
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#### Total Samples

Ice Creams	155
Lollipops	60

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215
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These samples were taken from a factory, stores and retailers and the results prove that all necessary care had been taken with the product throughout, only two samples were outside the satisfactory gradings.

Shops, stores and conservators were found to be in a satisfactory condition.



## Meat and Food Inspections

Visits to Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	418
Inspections of Meat and Other Foods	...	...	...	466
Number of Condemnations	...	...	...	648
Animals Slaughtered—				
Horses	...	...	...	2024
Cows	...	...	...	716
Bullocks & Heifers	...	...	...	361
Bulls	...	...	...	6
Calves	...	...	...	15
Pigs	...	...	...	160
Sheep	...	...	...	327
Total				3609

## Condemnations

				lbs. ozs
Cows—	Carcases and Offals	—	49	26080
	Forequarters	—	26	4050
	Hindquarters	—	1	190
	Heads and Tongues	—	84	3360
	Lungs	—	177	5210
	Livers	—	206	2856
	Mesenterics	—	54	864
	Hearts	—	1	8
	Flanks	—	6	200
	Kidneys	—	13	65
Bullocks and Heifers—	Carcases and Offals	—	11	5800
	Forequarters	—	2	280
	Hindquarters	—	1	50
	Heads and Tongues	—	8	320
	Lungs	—	12	360
	Livers	—	35	490
	Kidneys	—	2	10
	Mesenterics		2	32
	Flanks	—	2	140
Calves—	Carcases and Offals	—	4	700
	Flanks	—	1	20
	Heads and Tongues	—	1	15
	Livers	—	1	3

					lbs. ozs.
Horses—	Carcases and Offals	—	14	...	11400
	Forequarters	—	4	...	670
	Hindquarters	—	1	...	190
	Heads and Tongues	—	1	...	45
	Flank	—	1	...	30
	Livers	—	154	...	2156
	Lungs	—	1	...	30
Pigs—	Carcases and Offals	—	9	...	1538
	Heads and Tongues	—	5	...	100
	Lungs	—	36	...	144
	Livers	—	19	...	114
	Pork	—		...	120
Sheep—	Carcases and Offals	—	6	...	228
	Livers	—	56	...	336
	Lungs	—	5	...	50
Meat—	355 tins	...	...	...	1699
Fruit—	104 tins	...	...	...	119
Vegetables—	244 tins	...	...	...	165
Fish—	46 tins	...	...	...	19
Milk—	285 tins	...	...	...	118...
Soup—	23 tins	...	...	...	21
Jams, etc.—	7 jars	...	...	...	8
Pickles—	3 jars	...	...	...	2
Sauces and Condiments—	13 bottles	...	...	...	2 4
Cordials—	3 bottles	...	...	...	2
Meat Pastes—	9 jars	...	...	...	2 4
Coffee and Tea—	9 packets	...	...	...	5
Cereals—	15 packets	...	...	...	6 8
Biscuits, etc.—	7 packets	...	...	...	11
Hams and Bacon	...	...	...	...	52 8
Sausage	...	...	...	...	60
Butter and Fats	...	...	...	...	3 8
Flour, Rice etc.	...	...	...	...	12
Fruit	...	...	...	...	364
Cheese	...	...	...	...	162
Sweets	...	...	...	...	4

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Total ... 71088 4

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## Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed ... ..	367	716	15	327	160	2,024
Number inspected ... ..	367	716	15	327	160	2,024
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</b>						
Whole Carcases condemned ...	7	21	4	6	9	12
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	56	191	2	61	39	160
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ... ..	17.22	29.61	40.0	20.49	30.0	8.49
<b>Tuberculosis Only</b>						
Whole Carcases condemned ...	4	27	—	—	—	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	19	298	1	—	6	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ... ..	6.27	45.36	0.27	—	3.75	0.15
<b>Cysticereosis</b>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

## MILK

### Samples for Bacterial and Biological Test

Type	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pasteurised ... ..	1	1	-
Raw Milks—Ordinary ...	48	35	13
Graded—T.T. Certified ...	42	34	8
Raw Milks—Biological ...	21	21	—
Total ...	112	91	21

## Raw Milks—Methylene Blue Test

Time of Decolourisation	Summer Time	Winter Time
Under 1 hour ... ..	3	—
Between 1 hour and 2 hours ...	4	1
Between 2 hours and 3 hours ...	2	1
Between 3 hours and 4 hours ...	3	—
Between 4 hours and 5 hours ...	3	1
Between 5 hours and 5½ hours ...	—	3
Satisfactory ... ..	28	41
Total ...	43	47

## Raw Milks—Biological Test

No. of Samples	Negative	Positive
21	21	—

## Pasteurised Milk—Phosphatase Test

No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1	1	—

The policy of concentrating on raw milk was continued because of its greater potential danger to health than treated milk. It would seem that nearly all farms will be producing Tuberculin Tested milk before long.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

### 1—Cases Notified and Investigated

Cases notified ... ..	18
Cases removed to Hospital ...	6

### Classification

Scarlet Fever ... ..	14
Dysentery ... ..	4

### Distribution

Ward	Scarlet Fever	Dysentery	Total
New Village ... ..	9	3	12
Old Bentley ... ..	1	—	1
Bentley Road ... ..	2	—	2
Toll Bar ... ..	2	—	2
North Road ... ..	—	1	1
Total ...	14	4	18

## **2—Tuberculosis**

New Notifications	...	...	25
No. on Register 31st December, 1959—			
Pulmonary	...	...	180
Non-Pulmonary	...	...	23

## **3—Disinfections**

Houses	...	...	...	...	6
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### **HOUSING ACT—OVERCROWDING**

There were no complaints of overcrowding. The list of applications for houses numbered about 200, but only people in rooms and lodgings and certain medical cases were being considered. The list of persons applying for old persons houses and bungalows is separate and additional.

### **HOUSING ACTS 1936—1957**

#### **Housing Act 1957, Sections 16-17**

Three houses reported for action in 1958, and one in 1959, have been vacated and are awaiting demolition. One house which was acquired privately is also vacant and awaiting demolition.

#### **Clearance Areas**

No representations were made during the year, but the process of demolition continued, and eight houses were demolished.











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